

# Supervisor Romaine Launches Town Youth Bureau's INTERFACE Back To School Supply Drive

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**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Ed Romaine has announced that the Town of Brookhaven's Youth Bureau will once again sponsor the INTERFACE Back to School Supply Drive at various locations throughout the Town during the month of August. Residents are asked to drop off items such as pens, calculators, backpacks, notebooks, lunch boxes, folders, glue, binders and more. The supplies will be distributed to needy families who might otherwise not be able to provide them to their children before school begins. Pictured with the Supervisor at the donation bin located in the lobby of Town Hall is INTERFACE Coordinator Josephine Lunde.

"So many children start the school year without all the supplies that they need because their families just cannot afford them," said Supervisor Romaine. "Thanks to the Youth Bureau and the generosity of Brookhaven residents, we are able to provide the items that will help prepare students for the school year ahead."

Collection bins will be at the following locations throughout the month of August:

Brookhaven Town Hall - 1 Independence Hill in Farmingville  
Brookhaven Highway Department - 1140 Old Town Road in Coram  
Medford Volunteer Ambulance - 1005 Sipp Avenue in Medford  
Coram Fire Department - 303 Middle Country Road in Coram  
Astoria Bank (all branches)  
All for You Hair Salon - 161 Long Island Avenue in Holtsville  
Internal Revenue Service - 1040 Waverly Avenue in Holtsville  
Brookhaven National Lab - 2 Center Street in Upton  
Modular Devices, Inc. - 1 Roned Road in Shirley

INTERFACE is a partnership between "good corporate neighbors and the Town Of Brookhaven," united in a common effort to provide help to Brookhaven's less fortunate residents. Through volunteerism, INTERFACE provides goods and services to those in need. There are approximately 125 corporations, not-for-profit agencies, community and fraternal organizations that make up INTERFACE.

In 2013, the INTERFACE program raised more than \$783,000 in grants, monetary donations from various organizations and private individuals, goods and services and in-kind donations. The program also provides educational awareness with various community groups and colleges providing them with information on how they can better serve their town by volunteering with those less fortunate. INTERFACE was the recipient of the President's Private Sector Initiative Award, and it has also been honored by the Eleanor Roosevelt Committee of the Governor's Office of Voluntary Service. To learn more about the Town's INTERFACE Program, visit [www.brookhaven.org](http://www.brookhaven.org) or call 631-451-8014.

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